

daughters Maria Lawall, Jane, Tina and 4 grandchildren of Marriottsville, MD.●

TRIBUTE TO UND'S FIGHTING SIOUX, NCAA DIVISION II FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to note the accomplishment of the University of North Dakota football team, who on Saturday won the NCAA Division II football championship, defeating Grand Valley State University of Michigan.

It was a nail-biter, and one of the most remarkable, last-minute comebacks in the history of championship football.

UND's spectacular defense held the Grand Valley State team to 14 points, but with less than three minutes to play, and 80 yards to go, we were trailing 14-10. A field goal wouldn't do it. We had to drive the length of the field and score a touchdown. It looked as though the championship would slip from our grasp.

Moving the ball out to their 41-yard line, UND faced a crucial fourth-down play, needing four yards to keep the drive alive. Quarterback Kelby Klosterman linked up with wide receiver Luke Schleusner on an incredible 58-yard pass play, landing us on the one-yard line. Running back Jed Perkerewicz took the ball the final yard in the last 29 seconds to win the game and the championship for Grand Forks and North Dakota. It was the first national football title in the school's 105-year history.

These were well-matched teams and worthy opponents. Yardage and time of possession were very close, almost identical. UND's 80-yard final drive made the difference. Imagine the pressure.

Only minutes left on the clock, a national championship at stake, and nearly the whole field left to drive. It's a measure of this team's grit and determination that the final drive was marked by two fourth-down conversions. Converting on a fourth down is do or die, fail, and it's all over. UND did it not once, but twice. That's a demonstration of real character.

All of North Dakota is celebrating this tremendous win, but this is an especially sweet victory for the people of Grand Forks. They know about comebacks against long odds. After the floods of 1997 all but destroyed the town, and badly damaged the university, they came back. And Grand Forks is on its way to being bigger and better than ever.

Grand Forks is a comeback town, and North Dakota is a comeback team. I could not be more proud of these fine young athletes and their coaches.

And I look forward to the conclusion of a little bet that Senator DORGAN and I made last Friday with our dear colleagues from Michigan, Senators LEVIN and STABENOW. I look forward to hearing them recite the words of the UND

fight song, loud and clear from the steps of the United States Capitol this week.

While the two final plays in the game put us over the top, everyone knows that at UND, it's teamwork that matters. Every member of this team contributed to the victory. I would ask to have printed in the RECORD the full roster of this championship team, and their first-rate coaching staff. They have made us very proud.

The roster follows:

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA FIGHTING SIOUX TEAM ROSTER

No. 1, Thayne Bosh.
No. 2, Jesse Smith.
No. 3, Dustin Thornburg.
No. 4, Jamel Alkins.
No. 5, Adam Roland.
No. 6, Shad Carney.
No. 7, Jeff Glas.
No. 8, Caleb Johnson.
No. 9, Kelby Klosterman.
No. 11, Cameron Peterka.
No. 11, Jamaal Franklin.
No. 12, John Bowenkamp.
No. 13, Joe Wilson.
No. 14, Evan Nelson.
No. 15, Brian Loe.
No. 16, Josh Ranson.
No. 17, Bret Bentow.
No. 18, Jim Miller.
No. 19, Tom Maus.
No. 20, Ryan Manke.
No. 21, Peyton Ross.
No. 22, Cory Urban.
No. 23, Tony Hermes.
No. 24, Willis Stettelman.
No. 25, Craig Riendeau.
No. 25, Demetrius Charles.
No. 26, Adam Stratton.
No. 27, Josh Copple.
No. 29, Tom Miller.
No. 30, Gregg Olson.
No. 32, Jamaal Griffin.
No. 33, Adam Dehnicke.
No. 33, Danny Gagner.
No. 34, Riza Mahmoud.
No. 35, Matt Nelson.
No. 36, Chris Beatty.
No. 36, Travis O'Neil.
No. 37, Jed Perkerewicz.
No. 37, Matt Hillbrand.
No. 38, Josh Brandsted.
No. 38, Mike O'Neil.
No. 39, Brian Wilhelmi.
No. 40, Digger Anderson.
No. 40, Eric Schmidt.
No. 42, Ross Brennan.
No. 43, Matt Vanderpan.
No. 44, Tyler Dahlen.
No. 45, Chad Mustard.
No. 46, Jason Gravos.
No. 47, David Wisthoff.
No. 48, Josh Kotelnicki.
No. 49, Blaise Larson.
No. 50, Mac Schneider.
No. 52, Andy Hendrickson.
No. 53, Mike Mularoni.
No. 54, Troy Newhouse.
No. 55, Tom Irvin.
No. 56, Josh Christofferson.
No. 57, Brook Maier.
No. 58, Eric Halstenson.
No. 59, Jake Nordick.
No. 60, Ross Walker.
No. 61, Dan Schill.
No. 62, Josh Cranston.
No. 63, Ryan Grant.
No. 64, Brennan Marsh.
No. 65, Stephen Larsen.
No. 66, Mike Gruchalla.
No. 67, Jason Peterson.
No. 68, Matt Knutson.
No. 70, Brian Osterday.

No. 71, Dave Butler.
No. 72, Ben Murphy.
No. 73, Chris Kuper.
No. 74, Mike Crouse.
No. 75, Brian Dokken.
No. 76, Ben Olson.
No. 77, Barry Smith.
No. 78, Matt Buischer.
No. 78, Mike Bryant.
No. 79, Mike Wacek.
No. 80, John Kyvig.
No. 81, Dan Graf.
No. 82, Justin Klabo.
No. 84, Jesse Ahlers.
No. 85, Erik Ahlstrom.

UND FIGHTING SIOUX COACHES AND 2001 STAFF

Dale Lennon, Head Coach.
Kyle Schweigert, Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator.
Chris Mussman, Offensive Coordinator.
Tom Dosch, Defensive Line/OLB.
Tim Tibesar, Inside Linebackers.
Curt Sienkiewicz, Running Backs.
Tim Belmore, Wide Receivers.
Cooper Harris, Graduate Assistant.
Greg Lotysz, Graduate Assistant.
Mike Mannausau, Graduate Assistant.
Jon Young, Graduate Assistant.
Steve Westereng, Head Football Athletic Trainer.
Paul Chapman, Director of Strength and Conditioning.
Dan Benson, Director of Media Relations.
Lon Carlson, Football Equipment Manager.
Cindy Klug, Office Secretary.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1786. A bill to expand aviation capacity in the Chicago area.

S. 1789. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the safety and efficacy of pharmaceuticals for children.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1593: A bill to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a grant program to support research projects on critical infrastructure protection for water supply systems, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-118).

S. 1608: A bill to establish a program to provide grants to drinking water and wastewater facilities to meet immediate security needs. (Rept. No. 107-119).

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 1622: A bill to extend the period of availability of unemployment assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act in the case of victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. (Rept. No. 107-120).

S. 1637: A bill to waive certain limitations in the case of use of the emergency fund authorized by section 125 of title 23, United States Code, to pay the costs of projects in response to the attack on the World Trade Center in New York City that occurred on September 11, 2001. (Rept. No. 107-121).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 1791. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for economic security and recovery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. McCAIN, Mr. CLELAND, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1792. A bill to further facilitate service for the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. REED, Mr. GREGG, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. ENZI, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 1793. A bill to provide the Secretary of Education with specific waiver authority to respond to conditions in the national emergency declared by the President on September 14, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CLELAND:

S. 1794. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the unauthorized circumvention of airport security systems and procedures; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. HAGEL, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Con. Res. 90. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the efforts of people of the United States of Korean ancestry to reunite with their family members in North Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. Con. Res. 91. A concurrent resolution expressing deep gratitude to the government and the people of the Philippines for their sympathy and support since September 11, 2001, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1209

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added

as cosponsors of S. 1209, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to consolidate and improve the trade adjustment assistance programs, to provide community-based economic development assistance for trade-affected communities, and for other purposes.

S. 1262

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1262, a bill to make improvements in mathematics and science education, and for other purposes.

S. 1456

At the request of Mr. BENNETT, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1456, a bill to facilitate the security of the critical infrastructure of the United States, to encourage the secure disclosure and protected exchange of critical infrastructure information, to enhance the analysis, prevention, and detection of attacks on critical infrastructure, to enhance the recovery from such attacks, and for other purposes.

S. 1499

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1499, a bill to provide assistance to small business concerns adversely impacted by the terrorist attacks perpetrated against the United States on September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 1619

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1619, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of substitute adult day care services under the medicare program.

S. 1663

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1663, a bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to add National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed.

S. 1707

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) were added as cosponsors of S. 1707, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify the update for payments under the medicare physician fee schedule for 2002 and to direct the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to conduct a study on replacing the use of the sustainable growth rate as a factor in determining such update in subsequent years.

S. 1717

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cospon-

sor of S. 1717, a bill to provide for a payroll tax holiday.

S. 1745

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1745, a bill to delay until at least January 1, 2003, any changes in medicaid regulations that modify the medicaid upper payment limit for non-State Government-owned or operated hospitals.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 1791. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for economic security and recovery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. DOMENICI. Madam President, the economy remains weak and the unemployment rate released last Friday for the month of November topped 5.7 percent. This is the highest level in over 6 years, and many economists expect it to exceed 6 percent in the coming months.

Recently the economy officially was put in the category of "recession" beginning last March by the National Bureau of Economic Research.

The economy measured by its gross national product, declined at a 1.1 percent rate in the third quarter of this year.

Corporate profits are down nearly 22 percent compared to last year, and consumer confidence is down 51 points in three months, the steepest drop since 1980.

While there are a couple of "not so bad" economic factors out there, low consumer prices, low interest rates, low oil prices for consumers, and record high auto sales, these all could be temporary phenomena related to a broader weak economy and low consumer demand.

For all these reasons, I believe Congress needs to act on a stimulus bill before it adjourns this first session of the 107th congress.

The American public deserves action on a stimulus bill and we need to act quickly. Too much time has passed and we cannot let politics as usual keep us from putting together a bill that can achieve wide bipartisan support quickly.

I have come to the conclusion that we should adopt a bill that is not controversial, politically speaking, and that can actually do some good for the American economy in a short time period.

I therefore am introducing today a bill that does three very simple things that I think we can all agree on:

First, a one-month payroll tax holiday, that will provide relief from the regressive payroll tax. It would eliminate the need for both employers and employees to pay the current 12.4 percent tax.

I have found wide bipartisan support for this proposal. Unfortunately it is